

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Reading Memorial High School

April 14, 1983

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John W. Faria, at 8:00 P.M., there being a quorum present.

The Warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of John H. Russell it was voted to dispense with further reading of the Warrant except the Officer's Return which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The invocation was given by the Rev. E. Lewis MacLean of the Church of the Nazarene, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of John H. Russell it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of John H. Russell it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Elizabeth W. Klepeis it was voted that the Town transfer \$57,289 from free cash to Group Insurance and appropriate it for the purpose of covering the Town's portion of increases in Group Insurance rates for the period March 1, 1983 to July 1, 1983.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Elizabeth W. Klepeis it was voted that the Town transfer \$36,620 from free cash to the Debt and Interest Account and appropriate said sum to cover the first interest payment on the Highland School/Library Bonds which is due June 15, 1983.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Maureen T. O'Brien it was voted that the Town accept and adopt the provisions of the Mass. General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 100B relating to the indemnification by the Town of certain hospital, medical and related expenses of retired police officers and firefighters.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Maureen T. O'Brien it was voted that notwithstanding the provisions of General Laws Chapter 41, Section 100B to the contrary the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file or cause to be filed with the General Court a petition for special legislation authorizing the payment by the Town on or after the effective date of the Town's acceptance of G.L. c. 41, § 100B of certain hospital, medical and other related expenses of retired police officers and/or fire fighters pursuant to the applicable terms and procedures set forth in G.L. c. 41, § 100B which have been or will be incurred by said retired police officers and/or fire fighters prior to the date of the acceptance by the Town of G.L. c. 41, § 100B; and that the sum of Six Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$6,035.36) be raised from free cash and appropriated to the Police and Fire Indemnification account for the payment of such hospital, medical and other related expenses in the event that the special legislation is adopted.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of John H. Russell it was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or exchange or dispose of upon such terms and conditions as they may determine a Burrough's L9000 bookkeeping machine.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Gerald A. Fiore it was voted that the sum of \$80,722.99 be transferred from free cash and \$6,015.00 be transferred from the water surplus account for salaries of municipal employees for an additional pay week in the current fiscal year and appropriated as follows, each item being considered a separate appropriation:

<u>Salaries</u>	
Public Works	\$ 18,225.00
Water Works	6,015.00
Fire Department	24,282.00
Police Department	20,739.20
Selectmen	1,498.60
Accountant	961.19
Treasurer	749.53
Collector	1,085.01
Assessors	1,253.16
Clerk	690.15
Personnel	375.02
Building Maintenance	1,158.64
Building Inspector	722.98
Conservation	422.89
Board of Health	255.73
Veterans	507.24
Library	4,525.75
Cemetery	2,006.27
Council on Aging	1,030.30
Retirement	234.33
	<u>\$ 86,737.99</u>

ARTICLE 9. On motion of John H. Russell it was voted that Article 9 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of William L. Childress it was voted that the Town, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40, s. 15C, amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Reading as follows:

"Article XXXV  
Scenic Roads

1. Upon recommendation of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission or Historical Commission, Town Meeting may vote to designate any road, other than a numbered route or state highway, as a scenic road.

2. After a road has been designated as a scenic road any repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or paving work done with respect thereto shall not involve or include the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, except with the prior written consent of the Planning Board after a public hearing duly advertised twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, as to time, date, place and purpose, the last publication to occur at least seven (7) days prior to such hearing.

3. The Planning Board shall establish and adopt regulations for exercising its responsibilities under this by-law, taking into consideration sound planning principles, and preservation of aesthetic and natural resources of the Community."

70 voted in the affirmative  
59 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Stanley M. Nissen it was voted that Article 11 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Robert I. Nordstrand it was voted that the Town accept and adopt the provisions of Clause 37A of Section 5, Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as recently amended by the General Court.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Robert I. Nordstrand it was voted that the Town accept and adopt the provisions of Clause 41B of Section 5, Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as recently amended by the General Court.

On motion of John H. Russell it was voted that this meeting stand adjourned sine die.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 P. M.

145 Town Meeting members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

Lawrence Drew  
Town Clerk